Allotment of gas and petrol agencies

108. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the allotment of petrol pumps and gas agencies is being considered on priority basis for freedom fighters and handicapped persons and women to benefit them with employment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : As per the guidelines for the allotment of LPG distributorships, retail outlet (petrol/diesel), & SKO/LDO agencies, the percentage of reservation for various categories is as under :—

(a) Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes . . .	25%
(b) Unemployed Graduates. . . .	25%
(c) Defence Category .	7 1/2%
(d) Physically Handicapped . . .	7.1/2%
(e) Freedom Fighters .	5%
(f) Others . .	30%

There is no specific reservation for women.

Super Thermal Power Station

109. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state whether any Super Thermal Power Station is under contemplation in Orissa after Talcher was Shelved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : Government have not contemplated shelving of the proposal to set up Talcher STPP Stage-I (2x500 MW) in Orissa.

Deposits collected by Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation

110. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of deposits collected by Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat Petroleum by way of deposits from the consumers of LPG.

(b) what is the amount, if any, of interest earned by the Government on such deposits; and

(c) whether there is any proposal before the Government to pay interest to the consumers on the deposits payable by them on new connections ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA) : (a) The total amount of deposits as on 31-3-1985 collected by Indian Oil Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation by way of deposits from consumers of LPG is given below :

	(Rs. crores)
Indian Oil Corporation	183.22
Bharat Petroleum Corporation . . .	74.10
	257.32

(b) No interest is earned by Government on these deposits.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Issue of allocation of L.S.H.S. as Fuel

111. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the issue of allocation of L.S.H.S. as fuel oil in lieu of coal temporarily